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SUBJECT: LOCAL PRESS COMMENT ON SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF JULY  
29 COUP

BEGIN SUMMARY: NIGERIAN PRESS MARKED SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF  
JULY 1975 COUP WITH SERIES OF PREDICTABLY LAUDATORY ARTICLES  
FAVORABLY CONTRASTING PERFORMANCE OF CURRENT GOVERNMENT  
WITH ITS PREDECESSORS. MOST COMMENTARY REFLECTS SO-FAR-SO-  
GOOD ASSESSMENT WITH IMPLICATION THAT REAL TEST REMAINS  
PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION OF RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE IN 1979.  
END SUMMARY.

1. LOCAL PRESS COMMENORATED SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF JULY  
1975 COUP WHICH BROUGHT MUHAMMED-OBASANJO GOVERNMENTS TO  
POWER WITH SERIES OF ARTICLES PRAISING ACCOMPLISH-  
MENTS OF REGIME. TAKE-OFF POINT OF MAJORITY OF ANALYSIS WAS  
PREDICTABLY ENOUGH TO CONTRAST FAVORABLY ACHIEVEMENTS OF  
1975-77 WITH PREVIOUS PERFORMANCES, MOST NOTABLY WITH  
GOWON REGIME.

2. DAILY TIMES (JULY 29) FRONT PAGES COMMENTS WITH TEN-POINT  
CHECKLIST OF MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOALS OF FMG RUNNING  
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FROM CREATION OF ADDITIONAL STATES IN FEBRUARY 1976  
TO PROJECTED RETURN TO CIVILIAN RULE ON OCTOBER 1,  
1976. DT EDITORIALIZES THAT JULY 29 SYMBOLIZES REBIRTH OF NATION.  
IN REVIEWING PERIOD, DT GIVES HIGH MARKS TO GOVERNMENT FOR ITS  
DOMESTIC POLITICAL PERFORMANCE AND FOREIGN POLICY WHILE RE-  
SERVING SOME VEILED CRITICISM FOR ECONOMIC SECTOR. IN THIS  
CONNECTION, IT NOTES GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM

HAS HAD EFFECT OF ROBBING WORKERS OF THEIR  
LEGITIMATE BARGAINING POWER.

3. DAILY SKETCH (JULY 29) PRESENTS SIMILAR BALANCE SHEET.  
WHILE DESCRIBING GOVERNMENT AS PURPOSEFUL AND REVOLUTIONARY,  
IT ALSO EMPHASIZES ANTICIPATED CULMINATION IN CIVILIAN RULE.  
IN SAME VEIN, DAILY STAR (JULY 29) VIEWS GOVERNMENTS  
PROGRAM AS SET OF BUILDING BLOCKS LEADING TO OCTOBER 1, 1979.

4. COMMENT: WHILE LAVISH IN PRAISING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF  
MILITARY GOVERNMENT, CLEAR IMPLICATION IN MOST PRESS  
COMMENT IS THAT REAL HURDLES REMAIN AND WHAT HAS BEEN  
PROMISED AND ACHIEVED SINCE JULY 29 IS TO BE MEASURED BY  
END RESULTS ON OCTOBER 1, 1979. END COMMENT.  
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